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ARTEMESIA HIGHWAYS AND THE GASOLINE TAX.

In view of the very close vote polled in Artemesia on the question of doing away with statute labor, though too late to use as propaganda in favor of the affirmative, yet the following information regardng the question, as gleaned from a government report, will no doubt prove of great interest to the people of this township, and will not be without interest to those of other townships:

There are 294 townships receiving aid from the Province under the Highway Improvement Act, that is, townships that have abolished statute labor, and appointed a township road superintendent. This refers only to townships not receiving aid under the Colonization Roads Act.

In 1925 we find that the average government subsidy paid to each township was approximately $3,600. The amount of government subsidy paid to the townships depends entirely on the amount of money expended by the township, that is to say, if your township expend $10,000—$9,000 of which was on road improvement and $1,000 on superintendence—then the Province would contribute 30 per cent. of $9,000 and 50 per cent. of $1,000, or an amount equal to $3,200.

The counties of Grey, Prince Edward and Wellington appear to be the most notable counties in which townships have not abolished statute labor.

In the case of Grey and Wellington, five townships in each county have not abolished statute labor. In the case of Prince Edward, six townships have not abolished statute labor. The townships in Grey and Wellington are Holland, Glenelg, Artemesia, Normanby, Proton, Arthur, West Luther, Peel, Nichol and Puslinch.

The majority of other counties, with the exception of those townships in the Colonization Roads District have with the exception of one or two cases abolished statute labor in its entirety.

The amount of gasoline tax received by the province in six months of 1925 amounted to $1,976,847, and for 1925-1926 it is estimated that $3,533,774 will be received.

The number of licenses issued by the province for motor cars for the year 1926 were 383,150.

It is stated that there are 425 motor cars in the township of Artemesia. This means that each car pays approximately $9 of a gasoline tax on an average and none of it is handed back for the roads.

MORE NEW DISCOVERIES.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Munshaw of Eugenia had the great pleasure on Christmas Day of listening to a concert given by their grandsons, the Large Bros., at Niagara Falls, Ont., and broadcasted from there. The wonder of these new inventions! And they tell us that within the next decade even the discoveries of the past few years will fade into insignificance when compared with the things which are to come. Three new discoveries have already been made which may be very far reaching in their consequences—wireless telephony, television, and the power to see an enemy without that enemy knowing that he ish discovered. This is a new kind of invisible "ray" just recently discovered by an English inventor, and which the British government is now endeavoring to control and lock up the secret for their own use. Such a discovery would, in the case of war, mean a great deal to the nation possessing it.

The modern poet thus celebrates a great disappointment of a friend:

Old Father Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To get himself a drink.
When he got there
The cupboard was bare
So he took one from the sink.

Thus he observed Hogmany.

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Mr. Guthrie of Guelph and the Globe of Toronto defending the British empire against a conspiracy to destroy it by the prime ministers of all the British nations, abetted by Lord Balfour and other members of the British government is certainly a remarkable spectacle.—Winnipeg Free Press.

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The Brandon Sun reminds its readers that Cwm and Ebbw are towns in Wales, and not radio stations. In the same class is the industrial French city Eu, at the mouth of the Somme.

Latest fashion note from Paris: "The new dresses do not bag at the knees."

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These political gymnasts do not appear to look before they leap. They seem united in their dislike of the Prime Minister.

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Mr. Meighen, late Conservative leader, has astonished Torontonians by making his shortest speech on record. He attended a meeting addressed by Mr. Guthrie, his temporary party leader, and said "Hear, hear." This is really not the shortest speech on record, however. We once heard a well known orator contented himself by following an opponent with an address composed of one word: "Rot!" he exclaimed.

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Daniel Crow, who is accused of shooting George McKay, of Tiverton, last October, has been let out of Walkerton gaol on $6000 bail. His trial will come up at the Spring Assizes.

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A cable from England announces that an electric locomotive has been produced there that promises to revolutionize railway management. It would be just like John Bull, in his own leisurely but thorough-going way to lead the way in adapting electricity to profitably run the railways.

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The Minister of Highways, having seen the benefit that comes from keeping the roads free from snow, and especially from drifts, has been adding snow plows to the plant in the southern portions of Ontario. We trust that the Minister, in looking after the needs of the highways which run east and west, with Toronto as the hub will not overlook the roads in these northern regions. Ordinarily we have more snow than falls to the lot of residents in the border counties, and every great storm finds us with much greater need for speedy clearance.

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It will interest many of our readers to know that this week Rev. Dr. Endicott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, is in Indore, Central India, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Central India Mission. The founder of this outpost of Canadian missionary effort, Dr. J. M. Douglas, had a noteworthy career. After years of toil in India, Dr. Douglas returned to Canada at the end of last century, and took up missionary work and farming in the province of Saskatchewan. He proved a successful agriculturist as well as a missionary, and he also took a lively interest in public affairs. Elected a supporter of Sir Wilfred Laurier, he represented his district in several Parliaments and was then called to the Senate. He died a few years since at a ripe old age, leaving a record of achievement such as fall to few men.

WEALTH FROM STAR DUST.

Among the many wonderful features of the vast Colorado plateau of Arizona—one of the most strangely broken regions of the earth's crust—is a canyon of the Little Colorado River which is known as the Canyon Diablo. Not very far from the canyon is an eminence called Coon Butte, which has a huge circular depression in its crest. From this "crater," which is 4000 feet across and 500 feet deep, the Butte was at first regarded as an extinct volcano. A later theory has been that the hill and its crater are the result of the colossal impact of a tremendous meteorite on the earth's surface. This missile from the heavens, it is conjectured, buried itself deeply in the earth, flinging up the surrounding earth as it sank. If this be the true explanation of Coon Butte and its crater it follows that somewhere below them exists the vast metallic projectile which was hurled with such force against the world. Experimental borings by mining experts have established the fact that there is some great deposit of intensely hard mineral below the Coon Butte, and Sunday's Obeserver tells us that a mining syndicate is beginning to set to work in this romantic neighborhood. Even the surface of this extraordinary region is strewn with what the prospectors assert to be meteoric iron, from which microscopical diamonds have been recovered. But it is not out of diamonds that the existing syndicate hopes to make its money. From five tons of the subterranean deposit one ounce of platinum has been obtained, and as platinum is worth about $24 an ounce, and the syndicate thinks that the complete embedded meteor weighs a thousand million tons, somebody evidently has in mind a fortune whose size might even induce America to forgive Europe her war debts.—Manchester Guardian.

Mrs. Richard English of Markdale had her left wrist broken in a fall one afternoon recently. She was standing on a stool hanging a curtain when the accident occurred.

ARTEMESIA COUNCIL

The newly elected Council met at the town hall, Flesherton, on Monday, Jan. 10. There were present J. A. Hogarth, Reeve; H. Corbett, Dep. Reeve; and W. J. McMillan, T. E. Mercer and J. A. Davis, Councillors. They subscribed to the declaration of office and took their seats. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The following communications were read: J. T. Best et al, asking bonus for wire fence at lot 171 3 S. W.; Mr. Corbett fyled an agreement with L. Batterton, sale of timber on 10 sideroad, con. 2 S.D.R.; application from G. G. Ludlow and A. McKay for the appointment of Assessor; the Globe Indemnity Co. re claim for damages of Weber and Dillon (referred to the Reeve); W. J. Moore, asking refund of statute labor charged to him; R. Purvis, asking refund of statute labor charged to him.

Bylaw 1, to appoint an assessor; 2, to appoint auditors; 3, to appoint member of the Local Board of Health; 4, to appoint valuers of sheep for 1927; 5, to appoint high school trustees, were passed, appointing G. G. Ludlow Assessor; Ray McLean and F. P. Riley Auditors; Geo. Cairns, Board of Health; R. Plantt, Sanitary Inspector; James Oliver, Dan Muir, E. Warling, J. Beatty, W. J. Love, Joseph Watson, R. Piper, J. Campbell, R. Plantt and S. Pedlar, Sheep Valuators; R. Allen, Trustee for Flesherton high school; and W. J. Bowes for Markdale High School. Arbitration award re U.S.S. 12, A. and G., was presented and a report from Engineer Christie re the Allan-Little ditch recommending payment of account amounting to $66 was read.

The following accounts were ordered paid: W. J. Moore, statute labor, $4; R. Purvis, statute labor, $2; The Advance, printing statement, ballots, etc., $72.75; J. Oliver, gravel $6; C. Richardson, pass books and pencils, $1; H. Fisher, gravel, $1.30; E. Baker, refund dog tax charged in error. Election expenses: Div. 1 $10, Div. 2 $7 Div. 3 $10, Div. 4 $10, Div. 5 $10, Div. 6 $10, Div. 7 $10, Div. 8 $10.

Corbett—Davis—That the account for labor employed, $66, on the Little extension of the Allan ditch, be paid as certified by Engineer Christie.—Carried.

Mercer—Corbett—That the costs of the arbitration in Union S.S. 12, A. and G., $14.50, be paid—Carried.

Mercer—Corbett—That the Clerk prepare a bylaw for bonusing wire fences, to be presented at next meeting of Council—Carried.

Davis—Corbett—That a bonus of 25 cents per rod be given for wire fence at lot 171, 3 S.W., Jos. Watson prop.—Carried.

Mercer—McMillan—That the Clerk order six copies of the Municipal World for 1927—Carried.

Davis—Corbett—That this Council meet on the first Saturday of each month at 1.30 p.m. for despatch of business.—Carried.

Council adjourned.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE.

A shower for Miss Edna Ferris, a bride-to-be this week, was held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Duncan in town on Monday night, when the members of the Young Ladies' Bible Class of St. John's Sabbath school, of which Miss Ferris is a member, presented her with a set of silver table matts.

At the same time and place and on behalf of the ladies of the town, Misses Mamie McTavish and Elda Karstedt presented her with a pair of wool blankets, also a pair of flannelette blankets and a rollink pin. In a few well chosen words Mrs. Murray conveyed the good wishes of the town to this deservedly popular young lady. A lunch was served which was much enjoyed by the company, as they had spent a couple of hours skating. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

FLESHERTON COUNCIL

The inaugural meeting of Flesherton village Council was held on Monday evening with the following members present: W. H. Thurston, Reeve; C. N. Richardson, H. Freeman, O. W. Phillips and G. B. Welton, Councillors.

Bylaw No. 1, appointing officers, was passed as follows:

Assessor—John Wright.

Members of Local Board of Health—W. A. Hawken, and H. Freeman Sec.

Members Public Library Board—C. N. Richardson, Geo. Mitchell, and Dr. E. C. Murray.

Sanitary Inspector—Jos. Blakeley.

Fenceviewers—A. Gilchrist, W. A. Inkster and J. O. Patton.

Auditors—S. E. deCudmore and W. G. Kennedy.

The following committees were appointed: Hydro, the Reeve and C. N. Richardson; Roads, Sidewalks and Ditches, the Reeve, Freeman and Welton; Park and Fire, the Reeve, Freeman and Phillips.

A resolution was passed making the M.O.H. officer's salary $15, with $5 each for inspecting the schools, and that no payments be made for attending meetings of Local Board of Health.

The Treasurer was present and handed in a statement showing that there was a balance of unpaid taxes amounting to $202.13.

Freeman — Richardson — That this Council meet in the town hall on the first Monday in each month at the hour of eight o'clock p.m. during 1927, excepting holidays, when the meeting will take place on the following Monday.

Welton—Phillips—That J. O. Patton be appointed to run the snow plow at 45c per hour.

Welton—Phillips—That all motions passed by Flesherton Council authorizing the placing of free lights in two of the church sheds be rescinded, as the Hydro Commission complained of the manner in which installation has been made.

KIMBERLEY POULTRY SHOW

According to the judge the poultry show staged by the Kimberley Association at that place on Wednesday and Thursday last, compared very favorably with shows held at places of the same size, and in many cases compared favorably with shows in the larger centres.

About 200 birds were on exhibition with a fine variety of breeds. The general opinion was that the quality of the birds shown is improving each year, some fine specimens being present. Barred Rocks predominated with Leghorns also being out in good numbers. Mr. Jos. Forsyth of the Power House carried off the Association's cup for the best bird in the show with his beautiful White Wyandotte cock bird. His string of snow white birds made a fine sight and were greatly admired. Turkeys and water fowl were numerous and in many classes competition was keen. Mr. Wm. Billings of St. Marys, Ont., placed the awards and we believe in a very satisfactory manner. The President of the show, Mr. George Proctor, saw that everything ran smoothly, and, together with the energetic Secretary, Mr. Saul Fawcett, can be congratulated for the excellent arrangements in connection with the show. Mr. S. E. deCudmore of Flesherton was the largest exhibitor, having twenty birds entered. Twelve firsts, five seconds and four special prizes went to his exhibits, which included Silver Grey Dorkings, Light Brahmas, Light Sussex, bred-to-lay Rocks, Langshans and Bantams.

The Association expects next year to change their dates so as not to conflict with the Owen Sound show.

The Toronto Mail-Empire says: A profit of over $200,000 from the Exhibition shows how it pays to advertise.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my sister Maria, who passed away Jan. 12, 1925.

As we loved her, so we miss her;
In our memory she is near.
Loved, remembered, longed for always,
Bringing many a silent tear.

Sister Millie

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mary Galloway, (nee Minnie LeGard) who died Jan. 4th, 1926.

Just a thought of you, dear Minnie,
Just a memory, fond and true;
Just a token of affection
That our hearts still ache for you.

—Mother and Twin Sister, Ida.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Priceville Agricultural Society will be held in Priceville on Friday, Jan. 21st, at 1.30 p.m., for the transaction of general business.—Don. Campbell, President; J. W. Ramage, Sec.

Michael Chester Wilcox, of Grand Rapids, Mich., formerly a resident of St. Vincent, was fatally injured when a wagon he was driving was run into by an automobile and he suffered a broken neck as a result of the impact, which caused his death two days later.

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